Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 04 May 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 05 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 03 May 2023 at 15:11 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for dry weather on Thursday then showers breaking out on Friday and over the weekend. Lower confidence on day to day detail from Friday onwards.

Headline for Thursday 04 May 2023: Dry. Rather cloudy. Cold and windy on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 04 May 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Thursday 04 May 2023

Weather: It will be a dry and rather cloudy day but clouds breaking at times to give some bright or sunny spells, best in the west over Glencoe and Lochaber. Bitterly cold with gusty winds on the higher tops.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%, best in west.

Low Cloud and visibility: Good visibility beneath the cloud which will be fairly extensive over the Trossachs above about 700 to 800m. Clouds more patchy further west with the base of the main cloud canopy above many of the tops.

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Forecast for Thursday 04 May 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	18/24 SE	23/31 SE	30/39 SE	33/48 SE	30/48 SE	27/45 SE	28/42 SE	29/40 SE	29/39 SE
900	16/23 SE	19/28 SE	25/36 SE	29/41 SE	28/43 SE	27/40 SE	25/36 SE	26/38 SE	25/36 SE
600	11/15 SE	12/18 SE	19/30 SE	28/39 SE	27/38 SE	26/37 SE	24/35 SE	24/35 SE	22/32 SE
300	5/11 E	7/12 NE	16/27 E	22/39 E	22/38 E	21/36 E	20/36 E	20/37 E	17/32 E
Glen	3/9 NE	4/11 NE	6/13 N	13/25 E	18/32 SE	18/31 SE	16/30 SE	10/22 E	7/16 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	3/-3	2/-4	0/-7	-0/-9	-0/-9	-1/-8	-1/-9	-2/-10	-1/-8
900	4/-0	4/-2	2/-4	2/-4	3/-3	3/-3	2/-5	0/-6	0/-7
600	8/6	8/6	8/4	8/4	8/3	8/3	7/2	6/1	5/1
300	10/9	9/7	8/4	8/3	9/4	8/4	7/2	6/1	5/1
Glen	10/10	9/9	10/8	11/9	12/9	12/8	10/7	8/6	7/5
Freezing Level*	1800m	1700m	1600m	1600m	1500m	1400m	1300m	1200m	1400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Difficult walking conditions over higher ridges and summits due to strong, gusty winds and bitterly cold feel.

Forecast for Friday 05 May 2023
Weather: A mostly cloudy day with a few light showers in the morning then some heavier showers breaking out in the afternoon and evening.

Maximum wind: Strong southeast winds, average speeds of 30mph with gusts 40 to 50mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50% best in west.

Low Cloud and visibility: Good visibility becoming mostly restricted to western ranges by afternoon. Otherwise turning hazy with poor visibility in heavier showers. Clouds will become extensive and coming well down the hills by afternoon, especially in east of area.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 Celsius rising to 14 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius rising to 6 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1200m at first, lifting above the summits by the afternoon.

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